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SUBJECT: DUVALIER PASSPORT ISSUANCE

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Classified By: Ambassador Lino Gutierrez for Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- 11. (C) Ambassador delivered reftel demarche to Argentine Foreign Minister Jorge Taiana on January 10. The Ambassador underscored the potential dangers of Duvalier's return to Haiti and urged Taiana to express similar concerns to the IGOH.
- 12. (C) Taiana, who appeared not to be aware of the IGOH decision to issue Duvalier a diplomatic passport, did not respond directly to our request. He did, however, acknowledge that Haiti was now entering a critical period in its democratic transition and that the international community (and in particular the Haiti Core Group) must coordinate closely to ensure that the proper "conditions for elections" were firmly in place.